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# Practising Our Creed

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**E**VERY Ben B'rith upon joining the lodge takes upon himself the duty of developing and elevating the mental and moral character of our people; of alleviating the wants of the poor and needy; and of personifying the virtues of philanthropy, honor and patriotism.

For 27 years, Winnipeg Lodge has given tangible expression to this portion of our Creed through the sponsorship and development of the B'nai B'rith Summer Camp. During this period, hundreds of boys and girls, some of whom are our leading citizens today, were provided with rich experiences and pleasant memories that left lasting imprints on their lives. They were nourished bodily, and developed mentally. By mingling with others, by carefully planned programs, executed by trained counsellors, they learned unselfishness, self-control and co-operation. In every case, this education was a much needed supplement to their home environment. In brief, the camp prepared the minds and bodies of these youngsters for the battle of life and for a true appreciation of democracy.

To understand the underlying purpose of our camp, contrast the war-like training Fascist and Nazi youth underwent in Italy and Germany with the camp activities which were directed towards the inculcation of the art of democratic living in the minds and hearts of our children.

A challenge now faces our lodge. \$15,000.00 must be raised immediately by the brethren if the camp is to open this year, and carry on in accordance with required standards.

Firstly, to protect the health of the children, it is imperative that completely new sanitary units be built, and an isolation ward constructed.

Secondly, the present main building in which are situated the kitchen, dining room and recreation hall, and in which the kitchen and administrative staffs are housed is in disrepair and too small and inadequate for all these purposes. It is intended to convert this building into a dining hall, kitchen and kitchen staff quarters only.

Thirdly, a new recreation hall must be built to enable the camp activities to be carried on during inclement weather and in the evenings. This new building can also house the administrative staff and serve as the administration building.

Fourthly, other improvements, long delayed, can well be carried out at the same time. The beach should be cleared, a pier erected, walks built, the playground levelled and properly laid out.

The \$15,000.00 to be raised will also enable the final payment of the balance owing for the purchase price of the camp property. This balance approximates \$1,600.00. The lodge should have clear title to its camp not only because it is fitting, but to protect its already large investment. An accumulated deficit of some years standing must also be liquidated. If this campaign meets with the support of the brethren, all present encumbrances against the camp will be disposed of.

In the ensuing pages there will be found sketches illustrating the proposed improvements. It is hoped that this bulletin will convey to the brethren the importance of the contribution being rendered by them through the B'nai B'rith Summer Camp, and that it will awaken in them an enthusiastic response to this urgent and vital appeal.

The brethren must meet the challenge. The Creed of B'nai B'rith demands it.



# Why a Recreation Hall?

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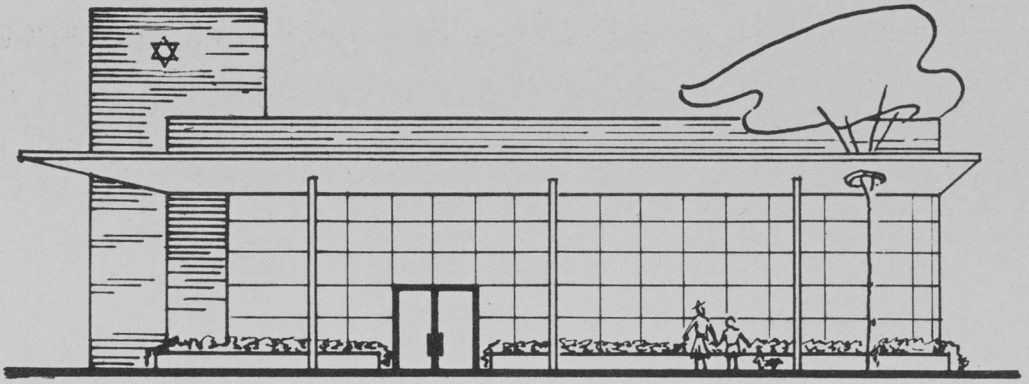


On the opposite page appears a sketch of the proposed recreation hall and administration quarters. The east elevation is also given.

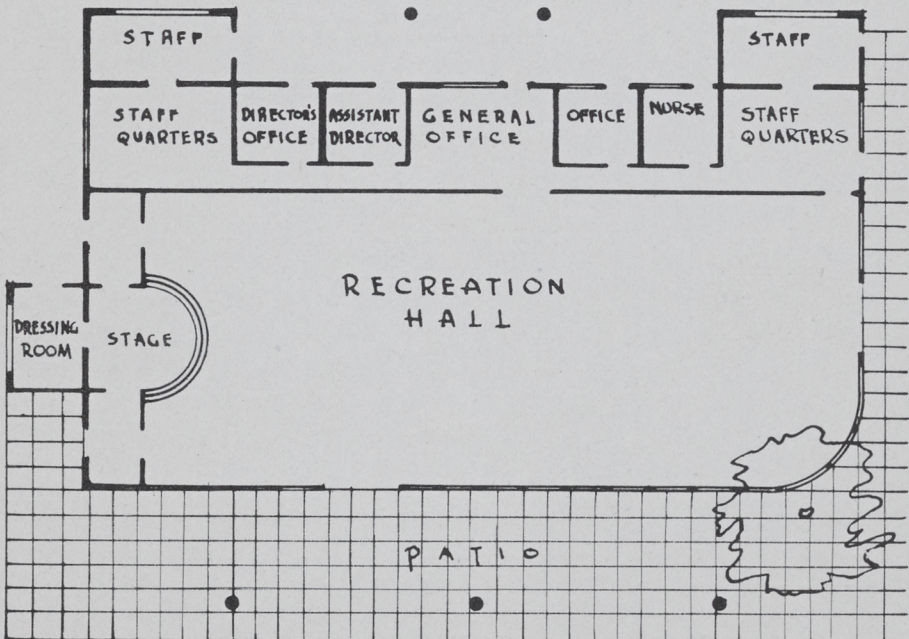
This building will be erected on the lake front in the extreme south-east corner of the grounds. The west side of the building will house the general office, the offices of the director, assistant director, nurse and the staff quarters. As the offices will overlook the junior and main playgrounds, supervision of the activities of the children is made easier.

A permanent stage and dressing room will be built at the south end of the recreation hall which will permit the presentation of group programmes and plays during inclement weather and in the evenings. Until now, a small room was set aside in the main building for recreational purposes. Of this room, last year's Camp Director reported as follows:—"The recreation room is small and bare, providing none of the comforts or space this portion of the programme demands. There are no facilities for staging and not enough room to seat the campers comfortably. Here too, the rain makes itself an unwelcome visitor upon every occasion and interferes greatly with any attempted rainy day programme. In fact, on rainy days, it was found necessary to keep the campers in their cabins as there was no way of providing a programme for them in the main building." Modern Camping entails more than the supervision of sunshine, food and fresh air. Before the season opens, the counsellors of our camp attend a special Institute, led by the Camp Director, which prepares them to lead the children in dramatics and music, handy crafts, nature study, Jewish History and folk lore, religious services and citizenship. A recreation hall, therefore, becomes as necessary to the camp as the dining-hall.

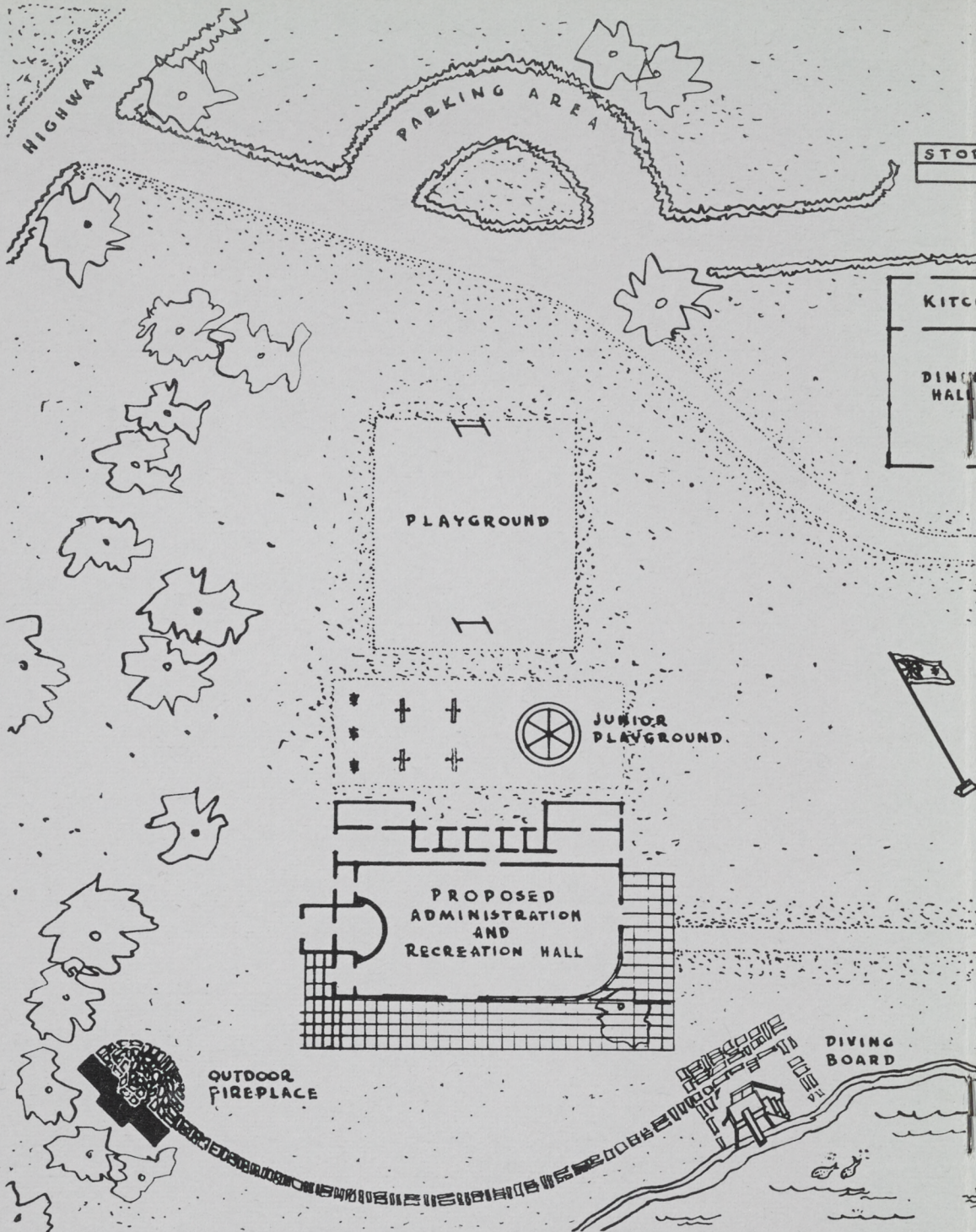




EAST ELEVATION  
OF RECREATION HALL



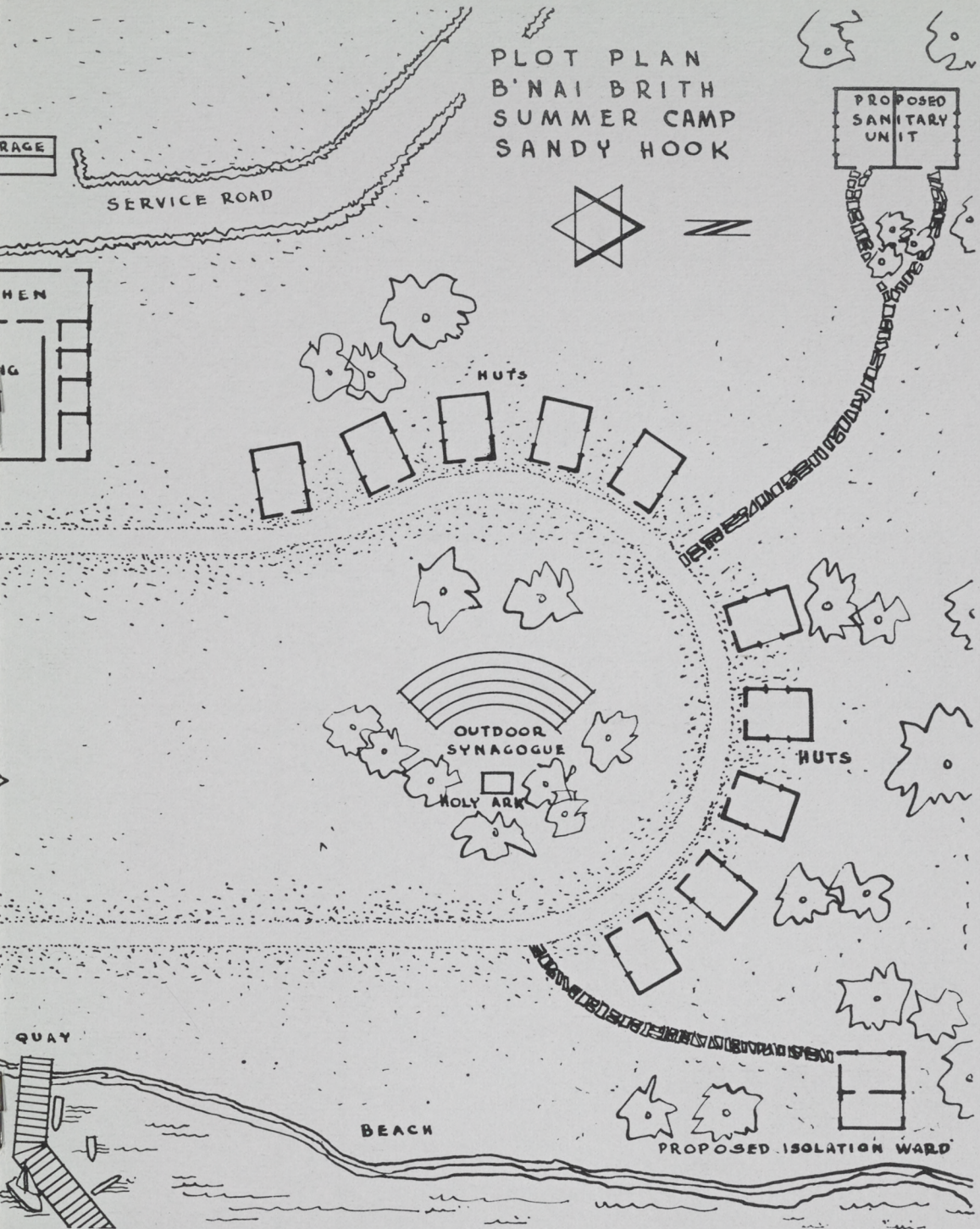




## THIS IS WHAT OUR CHILDREN I

Above is a birds-eye view of the B'nai B'rith Summer Camp showing the proposed administration hall. In the top right hand corner, is also shown on the lake front, the proposed isolation ward. Note the provision for a path out upon the junior playground and the main playgrounds.

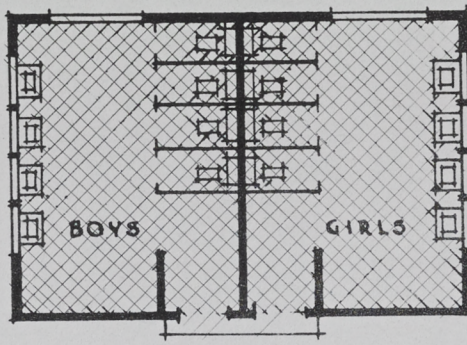




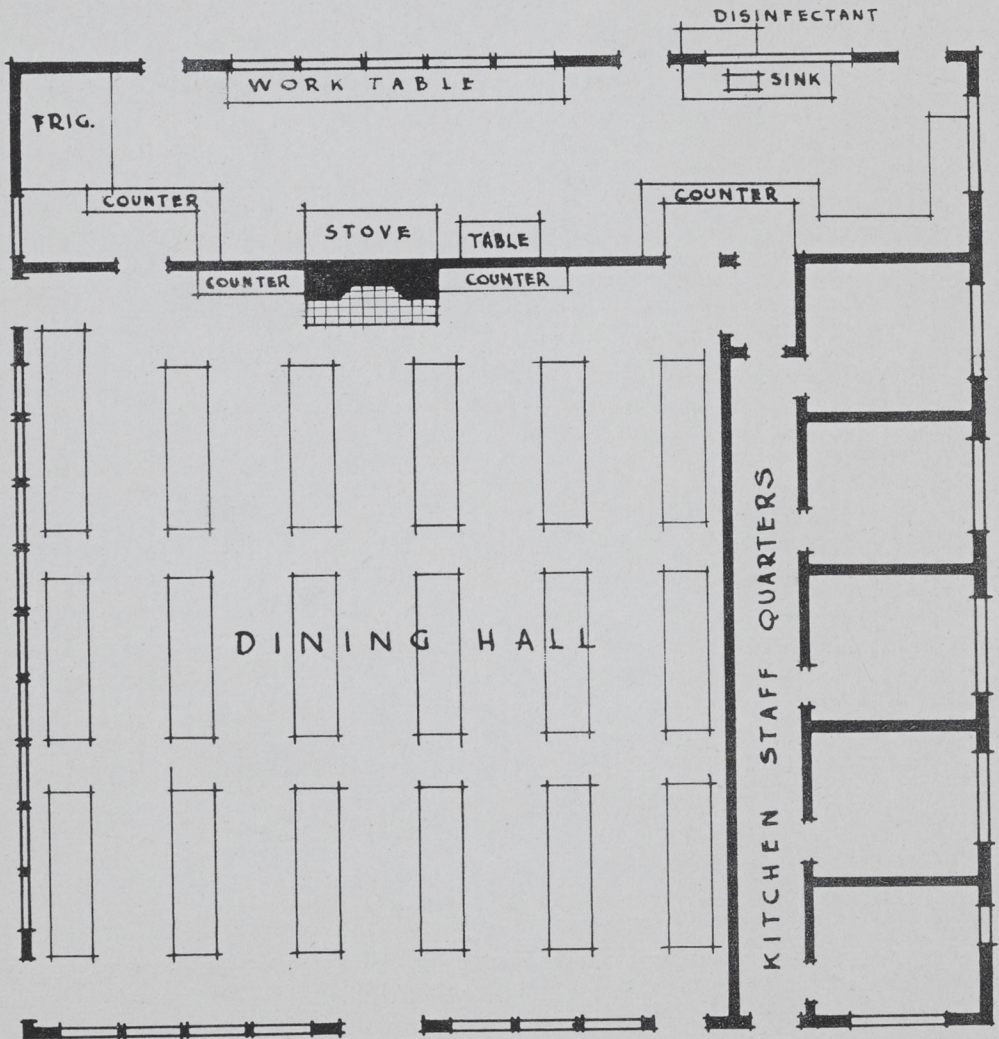
**DESERVE---MAKE IT A REALITY!**

ing the present location of the main building and cabins and the pro-  
own the proposed sanitary grounds, and in the lower right hand corner,  
for a permanent out-door Synagogue. The administration offices look





SANITARY  
UNIT





# Dining Hall . . .

To appreciate the urgency of repairing and remodelling the present main building, the following excerpts from the report of last year's Camp Director should be read:—

## 1. HOUSING—

"If there is any single feature in the present camp set-up which makes it difficult to conduct an ideal camp programme, it is the dilapidated, deplorable condition of the main building. This building provides the background for three of the most important activities, cooking, eating and recreation. For these three vital phases of camp life, the facilities are inadequate and create extreme difficulty in maintaining the high level of camp programme desired."

## 2. KITCHEN—

"Kitchen space is limited and it is difficult to cook for so large a number of campers. The stove is poor and gives no satisfaction. Refrigeration is inadequate, with milk turning rancid even when placed on the ice itself. The position of the sterilizer and dish washing equipment made added work necessary between the two operations of washing and drying."

## 3. DINING ROOM—

"The dining room is much too small for comfort. Campers are crowded at the tables and tables are crowded in the room. In some cases, chairs from neighboring tables touch each other. The floors sag and the weight of the campers entering the dining room is felt; the whole structure shakes crazily. Every rainy day creates a problem. The roof is definitely not water-proof and the rain finds its way into the food, on the floor and on the campers."

On the opposite page will be found a plan of the proposed changes to the main building. It will be observed that the enlarged dining hall on this sketch permits adequate spacing between tables. The kitchen now runs the full length of the building. Note the long work table beneath 5 windows, also a large built-in frigidaire and service counters. An open fire-place in the dining room will enable the campers to keep warm on cool days. Kitchen staff quarters are also provided for.

# Sanitary Unit . . .

When large numbers of children must be accommodated, it is imperative that every health precaution be taken.

Last year's camp director has this to say:—"Present toilet facilities do not meet with requirements and create a dangerous situation. At least four new units are required. The sewage system is inadequate, and twice through the camp season it broke down and repairs had to be made. That this situation must be remedied immediately, is obvious."

# Isolation Ward . . .

Until now, the camp did not have a permanent Isolation Ward, where a child who took ill could be given special attention by the attending nurse. Obviously, when a child is under observation, an isolation ward would go a long way towards the protection of the health of the other children.



# *A Message from Our Camp Director*

In the process of total war, we have overlooked our most important resource—our children. Those, who alone, can guarantee the preservation and extension of the things for which we fight.

The Fascists, aware of the importance of children, have for years used camps to train them to become unthinking puppets.

We must learn to use our camps to train our children for democracy. In all Progressive Camps this is being done, and in a way that no other form of education can do it. The Progressive Camp is a democratic Camp. The camp is actually run by the children. Each group democratically discusses and decides upon its activities and democratically elects delegates to a central body to decide the programme for the whole camp. In addition, children are given responsibilities for set-up, enforce their own rules of behavior, for keeping their camp clean, for improving appearance, and for keeping themselves healthy and encouraging the observance of safety rules. The Counsellors in the Progressive Camp try to help the children take on as much responsibility as they are able, and to carry out that responsibility in a truly democratic way. The only rules that are enforced whether the children agree with them or not, are those concerning the physical health and safety of the campers. But even here, every effort is made to have these rules adopted by the children as their own. In other words, the Progressive Camp is a campers' community that trains its children through the process of practical experience to live as free men and women in a democratic society.

**ED. NOTE —** We are particularly fortunate in having secured as camp director for this season the services of Mr. Walter Lyone, of Toronto. His message appearing above is indicative of his experience and training.

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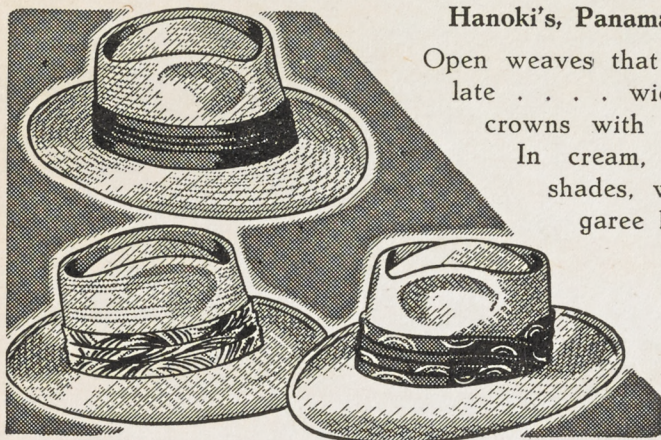
## **WAR SAVINGS STAMP SALE JUNE 28th, 29th and 30th**

The B'nai B'rith street sale of War Savings Stamps, originally scheduled to commence on June 14, has been postponed to **JUNE 28th, 29th and 30th**. The change was made at the request of the National War Finance Committee, who announce that a nation-wide campaign for the sale of War Savings Stamps will commence on **JUNE 28th**, with the slogan "Stamp Out a U-Boat". The B'nai B'rith street sale will be the special feature introducing Winnipeg's part in the national drive.



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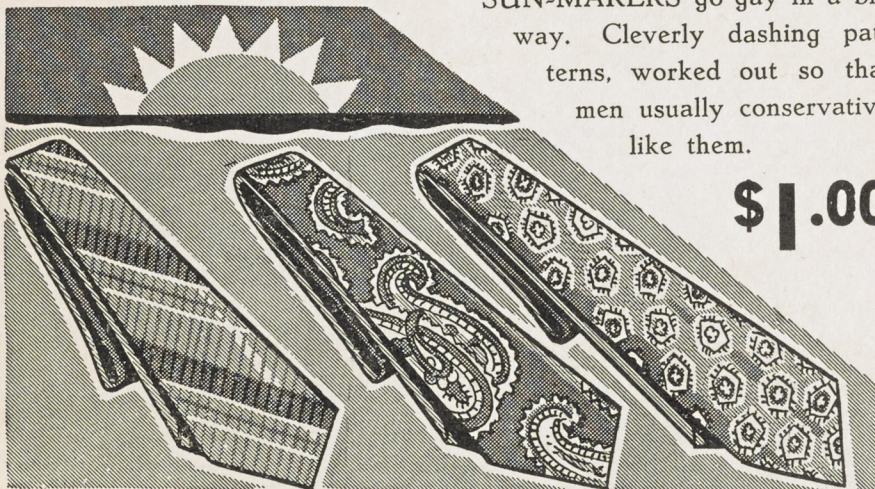
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